

**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, April 27, 2017 12:00 PM OM 340

**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* Alex LaVallee (VP Activities), Erick Yanzon (VP Academic Affairs), Mary Moeller (VP for Business and Operations), Aleyda Cervantes, (VP for Diversity), Bryce Hammer (VP Governmental Affairs), and Wayne Rocque (VP for Student Life).

**Guest(s):** Maddi Stuart with the Western Front

**Advisor:** Eric Alexander (Associate Dean of Student Engagement and the Director of the Viking Union Facilities)

**MOTIONS**

- ASB-17-S-28** Approval of AS Board minutes from March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, and April 13<sup>th</sup> 2017. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-29** Approval to move the board proposal for the UHRAC from info to action. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-30** Approval of the board proposal for the UHRAC. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-31** Approval of all consent items. *Passed.*

*Mary Moeller, ASVP for Business and Operations, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.*

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***MOTION: ASB-17-S-28*** by Hammer  
Approval of all minutes.  
Second: Cheng. Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed.

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**III. PUBLIC FORUM (comments from students and the community)**

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\***

Western front was present at the meeting.

**A. Outdoor Center Hiring Update**

Moved to next week.

**B. Student Enhancement Fund Presentation**

Tiffany Ng, the AS Student Enhancement Fund Facilitator thanked the Board. They said that last years board approved 70,000 dollars from the student enhancement fund. Ng gave a presentation on what the SEF was. The approved total amount was \$70,000 minus her salary. The available amount this quarter was 27,474. She then talked about who the fund was accessible to and who it was not. AS clubs and employees can access funds but since there are other available resources they are told

to go to other places. Travel is their number one priority, followed by hotel and lodging. The types of events that they fund are academic conferences, developmental workshops, cultural workshops. She then talked about the evaluation process and how they decide which students to give funding to. Why do western students apply? In order to present their research. Some majors do not have any opportunities to provide opportunities for students. Another reason the fund is used is to increase safety and solidarity. Finally, it is to enhance the student experience in general. So far they have received 15 individual applications and 3 student groups. They are expecting to process 3 more applications within the quarter. This is because the fund was established spring quarter. She then showed how groups have been funded in the past. Hammer asked if this fund could be used to host academic conferences on campus. She said that as of now it is a travel focused fund. LaVallee asked what the dollar amount per student on average is. She said that it is dependent on what the students want. She has been encouraging students to make a larger request for funding. She said that students often ask for far less than what they actually need. Moeller asked what they have turned away. The guest said that they have not turned away any applications but they neglected to give the full amount once because it had some religious connotations. LaVallee asked what the restrictions are on clubs, and the guest said that students should use the funds that are specially for them first. Moeller asked if there had been any events where participants come together and show the campus community what they had learned from their funded opportunities. The guest responded that there weren't enough students that were funded this year and so it wasn't necessary.

**V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\***

**VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)**

**VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board\***

**VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\***

**A. Suicide Ideation- Mental Health - Counseling**

Rocque said that a lot of residences and students have been talking about this assessment sheet, saying that it puts residence at risk, making it hard for RA's to understand, and putting the students at risk of moving their homes. Jones had said that he canceled the contract and Rocque asked what his reasoning was for that. Jones said that because the contract was started before his leadership, it needs to be evaluated and reviewed, so that is why they made the decision to pull it for now, review it with professionals, make things individualized, and brought back. Shari said that it was created before her. She said that the mandated assessment is not made for all students, but for students who are identified as students of concerned. Robinson said that there is also a difference between a mandated assessment and mandated counseling. She said that this is meant so that they can assess a student's suicidality or their risk to themselves or others. She said that the first outreach to the student is not usually a mandated assessment, but rather an outreach to make students aware of the resources available. Robinson said that this is so that when students continue to exhibit concerning behaviors they are then brought the mandated assessment. Robinson said that they have to do this because of tragedies that have happened on other campus's. She said that Rocque brought up a great point in that they need to be engaging more with RA's. Robinson said that they are in the process of doing that now while consulting with other colleges. Robinson said that unless students have mental health as their area of expertise they should not be included on the workgroup. Rocque said that if students are not sitting on the workgroup their need to be some sort of input from students. She said that she agrees with that which is why they are available to bring back a working draft to incorporate student input. Jones said that they want to be in line with what the standards are. Robinson said that it is

going to be vetted through the attorney generals as well. LaValle said that students are saying that the best practice policy is not being properly relayed to student leaders on campus. Hammer said that her issue is that students are disagreeing with the after effects. Robinson said that she has some problems with the language and wording with the form as well. Robinson said that when a student goes in for a mandated assessment all they are doing is providing the resources and then notifying the RA's of whether or not they showed up. They continue to work with the students and reach out to them, but they do not make them do counseling. Jones said thank you to the board because the intent was not to make students like they would be punished for their mental health. Rocque said that there are a lot of inconsistencies about how the documents are explained to students. Jones said that yes there is a standard, but that they need to get that standard clarified. Jones said that he needs additionally trained staff in making sure that there are resources on our campus such as resident counselors. Rocque said that it sounded like a good idea. Robinson said that there needs to be additionally funding for this position. Jones said that he believes that they have the resources to fund additionally staff.

### **B. Sustainable Investing Resolution**

Rocque said that his recommendation is to make this shorter. He said that it was coming in lue of Student for Renewable Energy (SRE)'s conversation with the folks on the foundation. Rocque said that there has not always been a good relationship with the foundation and the SRE, so they are looking at ways to expand on divestment as well as investment. So they are looking at different approach to make a path for the university to invest sustainably. Rocque said that this could be valuable to bring to the board because past proposals were about divestment while this proposal is about investment. \

### **C. Board Proposal for UHRAC**

Rocque said that this proposal was for 15,000 to be implemented over the course of two years in order to fund the committee. He said that in the funds there will be different things that are covered—he tried to be as specific as possible but not limit the initiative too much. He said that it would also bring more people to dorm events. He then showed a sheet which described how they would be allowed to use the money for events. Rocque said that he had a question for the board about professional development and whether or not they would be okay with students using this money to do other things then just events. LaVallee asked if the grant for professional development would also have the stipulation of engaging with social justice and bringing it back to the community. Rocque said yes. Rocque said that he wants the committee to play an advocacy roll. Moeller said that budget committee has been trying to consolidate sources for professional development funds. Moeller said that if Rocque wants it to be available to students at large they could do it that way, or the other way. Moeller said that for students at large it would be a good idea for them to go to the SEF. Moeller asked if Rocque has considered to expand this funding to implement travel. He said no. Hammer asked where the cap on the grant funding comes from and why they have one. Moeller said that the reason why they have one is so that they don't have too many grants operating each year. Alexander said that the cap is put forward in the cascading reserves policy. He said that this was mainly so that there is flexibility in finances.

**MOTION: ASB-17-S-29** by Rocque

Approval to move the board proposal for the UHRAC from info to action.

Second: Cheng. Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed.

**MOTION: ASB-17-S-30** by Rocque

Approval of the board proposal for the UHRAC.

Second: Cheng. Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed.

## **IX. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)**

### **A. Committee Appointments AS Activities Committee:**

Virginia Tapia Junior Linguistics

### **B. AS Elections Board:**

Rachel Walsh Freshman Business Marketing

Michael Butowicz Junior Computer Science

MacLain Doggett Senior Political Science

Claire Devine Sophomore Political Science

McKenzie Bolar Senior English Literature

Nathaniel Colven Junior Biology

### **Digital Media Center Advisory Committee:**

Madelynne Nore Junior Political Science, Philosophy, Economics

**MOTION: ASB-17-S-31** by Cheng

Approval of all consent items.

Second: Hammer. Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed.

## **X. BOARD REPORTS**

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**Wayne Rocque, VP for Student Life** asked if LaVallee could bring the mandated assessment to the suicide prevention committee. He said that from the 17<sup>th</sup> of April forum the question of whether or not RA's are allowed to hold an outside job. The RD said that they have a way for students to have both jobs but that they need to have a way to make that clarified. Rocque said that something to look forward to next year is whether or not the RA stipend should be increased. Rocque said that they should receive a reply for this by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Rocque said that they have been meeting with Sabah and that he is very happy about how they have been moving negotiations forward. They are going to be making a working committee and an oversight committee to report to Sabah. Thusfar, they have created the working group and the oversight committee constituting of three RA's and one representative from the AS. Rocque said that they are still working on what they want they want for the oversight committees.

**Bryce Hammer, VP for Governmental Affairs** said that the senate and the house came out with their budgets a couple of weeks ago but they are waiting for the OFM puts out the revenue forecast for next year, basically saying that they are implementing many new taxes. Hammer said that they

are going to be scrambling in the first few weeks trying to negotiate a new budget. They entertained a bill yesterday about funding for higher education. She said that Cheng and her are going to DC next week. She said that WSA is on the 13<sup>th</sup> and that it is the last GA of the year. Hammer said that she wants to have at least 8 people there minimum to make sure that they do not have a block vote. Hammer said that it is important that they talk to their successors about coming to introduce them to WSA. Hammer said that there has been a recommendation made to the VP's who decided that students should not be compensated for the missing funds. Sabah told Hammer that she can either come on May 9<sup>th</sup>, but there is no precedent about paying students retroactively for what they have done. Hammer said that they could go as early as next Tuesday, but that she is not sure if there has been a written report put together. Hammer said that they can go the Tuesday after next. Hammer said that they are thinking about the bylaws and what's going to get in place and what they should know about their positions next year. Hammer said that they are getting stuck in structure review meetings but that they are getting stuck in order of succession. Hammer said that the chair for the committee should go from being Gov to being President. Hammer said that it is too hard for one person to handle. Hammer said that it would make sense for academics to be on it.

**Mary Moeller, VP for Business and Operations** said that budget committee is finished. They are going to be seeing a decision package. She said that they also had a big meeting last night for deciding what would happen depending on whether or not S&A fee was decoupled. So they have to hand it over to the board of trustees and seeing if that works well. Hammer asked if they had spoken about calling legislatures and Moeller said that they had not yet.

**Erick Yanzon, VP for Academic Affairs** said that the Student Technology Fee is looking at proposals now. ACC met last Tuesday and they moved forward the General University Requirement (GUR) recommendations. Yanzon said that University Planning and Recourse Council (UPRC) met yesterday and they saw decision factors. He said that they will vote on that in a few weeks so they will do a vote on that sometime in the future. He said that he is going to be dividing the resolution between AS stuff and Academics. Yanzon said that for the restructure it made the most sense for him that the

**Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity** said that culture shock is this Friday and that they need to be fundraising for the multicultural center. Cervantes said that they did not want a donor wall because it is awkward. She said that they are having a workshop with the architects on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also said that they need to make sure that students of color are respected in the Resource and Outreach Programs. She said that they are also building a night market among ESC clubs and that that will occur in May. She said that she is hoping that people are having conversation with each office about diversity and inclusion. She said that people are not using macroaggression's and that they are not being racist. She said that she thought that training around diversity and inclusion was pretty good but that it did not click in some people's brains.

**Alex LaVallee, VP for Activities** said that there are no new clubs this week but they did go to the suicidal prevention council meeting. They had good discussion about creating more resources on campus. He said that they were saying that there have been successful events on campus but that they are wanting to do even more events. He also went to the recreational center advisory committee about what the Rec Fee increase will be for next year.

## **XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Moeller adjourned the meeting at 1:33.**

